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Remarks

DSL
Executive Secretary
3/1/84
Date

February 24, 1984

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM CASEY
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, VA

Dear Sir:

After prolonged deliberations, the Export Administration Act of 1979 has yet to be renewed. In the months ahead, it will fall to Congress to again consider the ramifications that have resulted from what is considered by many to be a poorly conceived and badly managed answer to the problem. Primarily enacted as a curb on the Soviet importation of critical, technological products, these regulations have accomplished little more than to rouse the distrust and disillusionment of both the suppliers and the customers.

The incumbency of developing a better understanding of the cause and effect of this legislation lies upon us all. We must have a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet system. In the enclosed article which I have titled, [REDACTED] I have tried to point out the difficulties one encounters when trying to equate the rationale of the Soviet capability.

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Our export regulations have done nothing to slow the Soviet military strength. Occasionally, it is true, we may have been effective in delaying Soviet progress by as much as a few months. However, we have, in the doing, also suffered setbacks. We should be concentrating on legislation targeted at purely military items and stop trying to control items simply because of their possible dual application.

Your comments are respectfully invited.

Very truly yours,

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